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The following is the California Institute's attempt to note many of the provisions included in the 105th Congress' year-end appropriations bills (with particular attention to the omnibus appropriations bill) and how they impact California; our apologies in advance for our errors and omissions. Some of these provisions were included at the request of an individual California Congressional delegation member or members, but no reference is made herein as to origin. Our sincere thanks to many California offices for their assistance.

AGRICULTURE

- provides \$5.9 billion for disaster relief for farmers, including \$3 billion for market losses and \$2.4 billion for crop losses; makes California's Central Valley raisin growers eligible for disaster assistance if weather delays damage their 1998 crops.

- allows the continued use of methyl bromide through 2004, setting the U.S. on the same phase-out schedule as other countries per the Montreal protocol, and provides \$15 million for research into effective alternatives to the pesticide

- maintains \$90 million for the Market Access Program

Agriculture Research

- increases agriculture research and extension to \$1.7 billion, including \$250,000 each for a geneticist/breeder position at a research station in Salinas, human nutrition research in San Francisco, and rice research in Davis, \$300,000 for research into postharvest rice straws in California, \$1 million for a New York-California viticulture consortium, and \$6.15 million for a Western Human Nutrition Lab at Davis

Nutrition Programs - School Lunch and WIC

- provides \$4.13 billion in school lunch funds. California received 13.4% or \$661 million from the school lunch program in FY98

- maintains funding at \$3.9 billion for the supplemental nutrition program for women, infants and children; last year California received 17% or \$662 million of WIC funds.

Non- funding provisions

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- Extends comment period on importing of Argentine citrus products for an additional six months, giving USDA, California citrus producers and others time for further study of potential imported pests
 - directs the USDA to work with Arizona wheat producers regarding 1997-1998 crop losses due to Karnal bunt, a fungus which in prior years had hurt crops in California's Imperial County and eastern Riverside County

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, THE JUDICIARY, AND RELATED AGENCIES

General

- Appropriations for the Depts. of Commerce, Justice, and State and the Judiciary and Related Agencies are provided only through June 15, 1999

Immigration and Naturalization Service

- \$585 million for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program to partially reimburse states and counties for the costs of incarcerating illegal criminal aliens
 - requires Dept. of Justice to use 1998 data as the basis for 1999 awards, as well as 1998 awards, and to make the 1999 awards by September 30, 1999
 - \$21.8 million for Quick Response Teams (QRTs) to work with State and local law enforcement to detain and remove illegal aliens
 - \$97,000,000 for 1,000 new border patrol agents and 140 support personnel
 - the San Clemente and Temecula checkpoints must be open and traffic checked on a continuous 24-hour basis
 - \$10 million in additional funding to continue and expand the local jail programs to identify illegal aliens upon arrest
 - \$11,659,000 for 200 term employees in Backlog Reduction Action Teams to work at INS locations where the average naturalization application processing time is over 15 months and to reduce the backlog until the average processing time is under 12 months
 - delays implementing the land and sea ports of entry identification program until March 20, 2001 and requires that the system not significantly disrupt legitimate cross-border traffic

Justice Department Programs and Provisions

- \$9 million for a technology network between all State and local law enforcement agencies in California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas to share drug trafficking information
 - \$50,000 for Riverside, California computer upgrades
 - \$18.2 million to the California Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement's Methamphetamine Strategy
 - Authorizes the sale of 200 acres in San Joaquin County currently held by the Federal Bureau of Prisons to the City of Tracy

Commerce Programs

- \$4.2 million for construction at the Santa Cruz Fisheries Lab
 - no reference to the use of sampling methods for conducting the 2000 census, but the U.S. Supreme Court is expected to rule on legality of sampling before the June 15 expiration of CJS funds

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Corps of Engineers Projects

- \$100,000 for a reconnaissance study of the City of Folsom project
- \$350,000 to conclude demonstration studies on the seismic reliability of public infrastructure in California
 - funding sufficient to complete a reevaluation report of the Sacramento River Deepwater Ship Channel project

- funding for the Sacramento River Bank Protection Project sufficient to complete reinforcement and protection work on the Back Levee left bank of the Colusa Basin Drain
- \$4,400,000 for the Norco Bluffs project
- \$1.1 million for Morro Bay Harbor south jetty and feasibility study of estuary
- \$44 million for the Seven Oaks and Prado Dams
- increases the appropriation ceiling for the West Sacramento and the Sacramento River, Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District projects
- \$392,000 for Newport Bay and San Diego Creek to address long-term environmental concerns regarding dredging
- \$350,000 to study alternative dredging disposal sites in Newport Bay
- \$100,000 for a stabilization study to determine repair strategy for Blufftop Park

Bureau of Reclamation

- \$4,900,000 for the American River Division of the Central Valley Project for the Placer County Water Agency permanent replacement pumping facility
- \$2,250,000 for the Delta Division of the Central Valley Project for construction of the fish screen at the Contra Costa Canal intake at Rock Slough
- \$5,500,000 for Refuge Water Supply under the Central Valley Project Miscellaneous Project Programs
- \$13,776,000 for resources management and development activities of the Sacramento River Division of the Central Valley Project, including \$850,000 for the integrated resources management program of the Colusa Basin Drainage District; \$600,000 for the Hamilton City Pumping Plant of the Glenn Colusa Irrigation District; and \$400,000 for the Winter-Run Chinook Salmon Captive Broodstock Program.
- \$33,130,000 for the Central Valley Project Restoration Fund
- \$75,000,000 for the California Bay-Delta Ecosystem Restoration program

Other Projects

- \$50,000,000 for LA County Drainage Area flood control project
- \$2,211,000 for San Francisco Bay-Delta Model Structure in Sausalito
- \$500,000 for Hamilton Fields wetlands restoration project
- \$500,000 for Corte Madera Creek flood control project
- \$350,000 for Novato flood control project
- \$175,000 for Bolina Lagoon restoration study
- \$50,000 for San Clemente Creek Flood Control project

Department of Energy

- \$150,000 in technical assistance for restructuring activities of the California Energy Commission.
- \$8,000,000 to Sacramento County as the Local Redevelopment Authority for medical research and educational development at the McClellan nuclear reactor center, in conjunction with the University of California--Davis.
- \$2,500,000 for the bone marrow transplantation/radioimmunotherapy demonstration project at the City of Hope National Medical Center in California
- \$229,750,000 for fusion energy sciences provided in the Science Account, plus up to \$6,450,000 for all program direction expenses related to the fusion program within Science Account funding
- \$291,200,000 for construction and future operation of the National Ignition Facility (NIF) at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, with an additional \$102,000,000 for the NIF from a separate inertial fusion energy account

- directs that the Department may not sign an extension of the expired International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) agreement without the written consent of the House and Senate authorizing and appropriations committees, and that the possibility of utilizing the existing international fusion center in San Diego be considered in future collaborations.

- \$12,200,000 as directly related to completion of ITER-related activities, including funds to complete research and development in the base technology program and to provide for orderly ITER closeout costs

- directs the Department to address all of the issues involving OSHA and State and local regulation of worker safety and health at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in conjunction with NRC regulation, and report to the Appropriations Committees by March 31, 1999, on the results of the comprehensive pilot project.

- prohibits the determination of the final point of discharge for the interceptor drain for the San Luis Unit of the Central Valley Project until development by the Secretary of the Interior and the State of California of a plan, which shall conform to the water quality standards of the State of California as approved by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, to minimize any detrimental effect of the San Luis drainage waters

- costs of the Kesterson Reservoir Cleanup Program and the San Joaquin Valley Drainage Program will be classified as reimbursable or non-reimbursable by the Secretary of the Interior and any future obligation of funds for drainage service or drainage studies for the San Luis Unit will be fully reimbursable by San Luis Unit beneficiaries.

- the wetlands located in Yolo County, California, and known as the Yolo Basin Wetlands are renamed the "Vic Fazio Yolo Wildlife Area."

FOREIGN OPERATIONS

International Monetary Fund

- Appropriates \$14.5 billion (with an additional \$3.36 billion in supplemental funding) for IMF

- requires the IMF in return for the funding to ensure reforms in borrowing countries ending discriminatory trade, lending, and bankruptcy practices; make public the minutes of its Executive Board sessions and other documents; and, charge higher interest rates for short-term emergency loans are require repayment with within one to two and a half years

INTERIOR

Land Acquisition

Cache Creek	\$500,000
King Range	\$1,000,000
Otay Mts./Kuchamaa	\$1,850,000
Santa Rosa Mts.	\$1,000,000
Santa Monica NRA	\$2,000,000
Big Sur Ecosystem	\$1,900,000
Rutherford Ranch (Cleveland NF)	\$750,000
San Bernardino NF	\$1,000,000

Construction

Klamath Basin water facilities	\$3,600,000
San Diego NWR	\$3,000,000
Bair Island (Don Edwards NWR)	\$1,500,000
Fort Point NHS, CA (repair)	\$2,158,000
Golden Gate NRA (rehab Alcatraz)	\$5,580,000

Sequoia NP(restore Giant Forest) \$6,000,000

Tahoe Rim Trail and Trailhead \$183,000

- the Bair Island funding is to ensure that the existing public trail which runs along the levy, parallel to Bay Shore Freeway, remains open, and an additional \$1.5 million is expected to be released from FY98 appropriations.

- \$500,000 for the bear management program in Yosemite National Park

- \$600,000 for new mineral examiners at the Mojave National Preserve

- the visitor center at Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area is renamed the

``Anthony C. Beilenson Visitor Center''

- the Redwood Information Center in Orick, CA is renamed the ``Thomas H. Kuchel Visitor Center''

- Fort Baker, Golden Gate NRA properties are exempted from taxes and assessments (but not sales taxes) collected by the California, Marin County, and Sausalito

- Interior is authorized to lease property within Fort Baker, Golden Gate NRA, with the proceeds being used for preservation and operation of the site

- \$2,000,000 to complete the environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Sierra Nevada framework for conservation and collaboration by July 31, 1999, and encourages that California participate in development of the EIS

- \$12,000,000 for hazardous fuel funding programs under Wildland Fire Management, with at least \$2,000,000 for priority treatments near Lake Tahoe

- authorizes the conveyance of land held by the Southern Pacific Transportation Company to the City of Tulare

- \$97,037,000 for management, operation, and improvements on the revested Oregon and California Railroad and other grant lands

- authorizes the Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery Act providing for an alliance between public officials, the timber industry, environmentalists, unions, and citizens, establishing a five year resource management pilot program in the Plumas, Lassen and Tahoe National Forests, and limiting timber cutting to implement the program to a maximum 70,000 acres each year.

- \$8,000,000 to implement the Quincy Library Group legislation.

Dept. of Energy

- \$36,000,000 for the Elk Hills school lands fund for payment to California's State Teachers' Retirement Funds, in lieu of payment out of revenues from the sale of the Elk Hills Naval Petroleum Reserve

Presidio Trust Fund

- \$34,913,000 for the Presidio Trust and authorizes trust to borrow up to \$20,000,000 from the U.S. Treasury

LABOR, HHS , EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES

Education for the Disadvantaged (Title I)

- total appropriation is \$8.37 billion, including \$6.57 billion for basic grants to school districts, and \$1.1 billion for concentration grants. California currently receives about 11% of total Title I funds.

- contains a 100% hold harmless provision opposed by California members, however, a substantial portion of the increase in Title I spending will reportedly to come to the state, compensating for some of the damage

- no funds are included for a \$300 million targeted grants program proposed in the House bill.

Impact Aid -

- Increased substantially to \$864 million to reimburse school districts whose tax bases are undermined by a significant federal presence such as military bases or federal land
- an additional \$500,000 to San Diego's school district
- reforms payment computing for Travis Unified School District
- requires some future impact aid allocations to be more narrowly targeted toward federally-connected students

Bilingual and Immigrant Education

- increases Bilingual and Immigrant Education programs to \$380 million. California receives one third of immigrant education funds and a large share of bilingual funds.

Disabled Education and Rehabilitation

- \$5.1 billion for special education, including \$4.1 billion for state grants, and provides \$2.65 billion for rehabilitation services and disability research
- encourages the Department of Education to consider an application from the CSU Northridge to construct and equip an adaptive aquatic facility for disabled adults
- does not contain a California-sought provision that would have clarified penalties for States that fail to serve adult prisoners under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

Vocational & Adult Education

- includes \$1 billion for vocational education state grants and \$385 million for adult education, programs for which California typically receives roughly 11%

Educational Reform and Improvement

- raises education reform funding to \$1.3 billion, including \$115 million for Technology Innovation Challenge Grants
- urges a \$200,000 technology-based instruction project and \$360,000 for an innovative language arts project for the Alhambra School District
- \$87 million for new national education technology initiatives, including \$75,000,000 for teacher training in technology

Higher Education

- \$9.35 billion for student financial assistance
- sets the maximum Pell Grant at \$3,125 and provides a program level of \$7.7 billion for current law Pell Grants
- urges \$250,000 for a community center program that offers educational tutoring and parental outreach, and suggests Yolo and Solano Counties for a site.
- encourages \$600,000 for the first year of a program to develop integrated standards, curricula and assessment at an academy associated with United Teachers-Los Angeles

Job Training

- provides \$871 million for summer youth employment programs and \$955 million for adult job training. California receives a large share of such programs' funds - 17.1% of adult grants and 17.3% of youth grants in FY97.
- \$1 million for Center Point, an employment center for recovering addicts in Marin County

Class Size Reduction

- provides an additional \$1.2 billion for reducing class sizes in grades 1-3 by moving toward a goal of hiring 100,000 new teachers, though the number actually hired with these funds may be closer to 30,000 in the first year. The allocation formula for the new funds is based on the higher of the share of two existing federal education programs – the Title I program for disadvantaged students or the Eisenhower Professional Development Grant program. (California receives roughly 11% of the nation's funds from each program.) For a breakdown of receipts by California county, refer to the California Institute website at <http://www.calinst.org/pubs/clasredn.htm>.

Foster Care and Adoption Assistance

- Provides a total of \$3.76 billion for foster care and adoption services funding. California received 21.7% of the \$3.3 billion for foster care in 1998, and 12.7% of \$589 million for adoption assistance.

Refugee funding

- \$415 million for refugee and entrant assistance

AIDS Programs

- Funding for the Ryan White AIDS programs increases to \$1.4 billion in FY99, including a boost to \$461 million for the Title II State AIDS drug assistance programs. California has a larger than average share of AIDS patients. In addition, one third of the nation's biomedical industry, which is developing treatments, is located in California.

CDC Funding

- increases funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to \$2.6 billion for FY99, including an increase to \$159 million for breast and cervical cancer screening.

NIH Funding

- increases funding to \$15.6 billion.

- includes \$2.9 billion for the National Cancer Institute and \$265 million for the National Human Genome Research Institute

- \$2 million for a telemedicine project for San Bernardino County

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

- Funds \$8.450 billion in military construction projects nationwide, including \$2.8 billion for operation and maintenance of existing family housing units

- \$3 billion for new construction of military facilities, including \$716 million for troop barracks, and \$480 million for Guard and Reserve components

- \$1.7 billion for base realignment and closure activities (important for California, which has shouldered the lion's share of base cuts), including \$233 million for military construction and family housing, \$698 million for environmental cleanup, and \$700 million for operations and maintenance

NATIONAL SECURITY: DEFENSE AND INTELLIGENCE**Defense Provisions in Omnibus Bill**

- nearly \$10 billion for various national defense and military intelligence purposes

- \$1 billion for military readiness, the focus of recent Congressional hearings

- \$1 billion is provided for a missile defense program

Provisions of Defense Appropriations Bill

- provided \$250.5 billion for defense programs. While the state's share of federal defense expenditures has declined over the past decade, California continues to win a large share of DOD procurement funds. In FY 1997, California won \$30.9 billion, or more than 15%, of the nation's DOD prime contract awards and compensation expenditures.

- \$50 million above the budget request for B-2 bomber modifications and weapons upgrades

- procurement and RDT&E of \$3.45 billion for Ballistic missile defense

- \$2.6 billion for 13 C-17 airlift aircraft

- \$735 million for Defense counter-drug and drug interdiction programs

- \$1.26 billion for defense environmental restoration programs, such as at closing bases

- \$7.4 million for Air Force demolition and environmental restoration at the former Norton Air

Force Base

TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration**

- \$17.9 million for the Northern California Metroplex received

Federal Highway Administration

- \$65,000,000 for highway research and development activities, including sufficient resources to continue the air quality study in southern California and to support ongoing university intelligent transportation systems research

- for intelligent transportation systems (ITS) research, development and deployment: Fairfield - \$1,000,000; Huntington Beach - \$1,000,000; Inglewood - \$1,500,000; Mission Viejo - \$1,000,000; Riverside - \$1,000,000; San Francisco - \$1,500,000; Silicon Valley \$1,500,000 for I-880/Highway 17; and Temucula - \$250,000

- \$4,500,000 motor carrier safety grants for border assistance to Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas

- \$62 million to LA County MTA to complete North Hollywood construction of the last third of the Red Line project

- \$8 million for the RTAA

- \$3 million for clean fuel buses

- directed to consider certain alternatives in evaluating environmental impacts of the toll road in Orange and San Diego counties

Federal Transit Administration

- \$1,000,000 for fuel cell buses for Palm Springs

- \$2,000,000 to CALSTART consortium, including at least \$500,000 for the Santa Barbara electric transportation institute

Bus Facilities Project Designations: Central Contra Costa County transit vans (\$200,000); Culver City, CityBus buses (\$1,250,000); Davis, Unitrans transit maintenance facility (\$625,000); Davis/Sacramento area hydrogen bus technology program (\$950,000); Folsom multimodal facility (\$1,000,000); Healdsburg, intermodal facility (\$1,000,000); Humboldt, intermodal facility (\$1,000,000); Huntington Beach buses (\$200,000); I-5 corridor intermodal transit centers (\$2,500,000); Lake Tahoe intermodal transit center (\$500,000); Livermore automatic vehicle locator program (\$1,000,000); LA County MTA buses (\$3,000,000); Los Angeles Foothills Transit maintenance facility (\$1,000,000); Los Angeles municipal transit operators consortium (\$2,500,000); Los Angeles, Union Station Gateway Intermodal Transit Center (\$1,250,000); Modesto, bus maintenance facility (\$1,355,000); Monterey-Salinas buses (\$625,000); Morongo Basin, Transit Authority bus facility (\$650,000); North San Diego County transit district buses (\$1,750,000); Perris, bus maintenance facility (\$1,250,000); Riverside Transit Agency buses and facilities and ITS applications (\$1,000,000); Sacramento, CNG buses (\$1,250,000); San Bernardino buses (\$1,000,000); San Diego City College multimodal center (12th Avenue/College Station) (\$1,000,000); San Fernando Valley smart shuttle buses (\$300,000); San Francisco, Islais Creek maintenance facility (\$1,250,000); San Joaquin (Stockton) buses and bus facilities (\$1,000,000); Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority buses and bus facilities (\$1,000,000); Santa Clarita transit maintenance facility (\$2,250,000); Santa Cruz metropolitan bus facilities (\$625,000); Santa Cruz transit facility (\$1,000,000); Santa Rosa/Cotati, and Rohnert Park facilities (\$750,000); Santa Rosa/Cotati, intermodal transportation facilities (\$750,000); Solano Links intercity transit consortium (\$1,000,000); Ukiah Transit Center (\$500,000); Windsor, Intermodal Facility (\$750,000); Woodland Hills, Warner Center Transportation Hub (\$325,000); Yolo County, bus facility (\$1,200,000)

- New fixed guideway systems: Los Angeles MOS-3 project, \$38,000,000; Mid-City and East Side projects, Los Angeles, \$8,000,000; Oceanside-Escondido passenger rail project \$3,000,000; Orange County, California transitway project, \$2,500,000; Sacramento south corridor LRT project

\$23,480,000; San Bernardino Metrolink extension project, \$1,000,000; San Diego Mid-Coast corridor project, \$2,000,000; San Diego Mission Valley East light rail transit project, \$1,500,000; San Francisco BART extension to the airport project, \$40,000,000; San Jacinto-Branch Line (Riverside County) project, \$500,000; San Jose Tasman West light rail extension project, \$27,000,000

- directs that the San Francisco and the municipal transportation authority ensure adequate public transportation for the Presidio and the surrounding community

Federal Railroad Administration

- directs that Amtrak and California and Nevada resolve capitalization issues surrounding necessary infrastructure upgrades for Amtrak to operate a passenger rail service between Las Vegas and Los Angeles beginning early in 1999

Other Provisions

- prohibits regulations establishing a vessel traffic safety fairway less than five miles wide between the Santa Barbara Traffic Separation Scheme and the San Francisco Traffic Separation Scheme

-prohibits closure of the Coast Guard Concord CA marine safety detachment until Contra Costa County officials are consulted regarding the impact of the closure, and the Coast Guard reports to Congress on continuing an adequate response to oil and chemical accidents in the area and oversight of oil and chemical traffic

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

GSA Courthouse Projects

- \$15.4 million for a U.S. courthouse annex in San Diego
 - \$10.8 million for a U.S. courthouse project in San Jose
 - urges GSA to provide support to the Los Angeles Civic Center Trust
 - urges GSA to acquire and display commemorative artwork at the Ronald Reagan Courthouse in Santa Ana and to consider a rotating exhibit in conjunction with the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley

VA/HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

Affordable housing

- Oxnard is authorized to use federal funds to be reimbursed for land purchased at Lombard and Camino del Sol

Border water

- \$50,000,000 for high priority water and wastewater facilities on the U.S. - Mexico Border

FEMA

- \$5,000,000 for a pilot seismic retrofit project at CSU, San Bernardino
 - \$5,000,000 for a seismic retrofit at the San Bernardino County Courthouse
 - \$30,000,000 for a retrofit project at the Loma Linda University Medical Center.

Community Development Block Grants

- \$6,500,000 for Hispanic Serving Institution with \$850,000 for the San Bernardino Community College District

- \$500,000 for the Chabot Observatory in Oakland for a science education center

- \$500,000 to Oceanside for its Redevelopment Project activities

- \$600,000 to the Alameda County Housing Agency for Base Conversion

- \$500,000 to Golden Gate University in San Francisco for Agricultural Business Resource

Center in Monterey

- \$500,000 to the Inland Valley Development Agency for San Bernardino International Airport in San Bernardino, for base conversion

- \$500,000 to the City of Los Angeles, for redevelopment of the Santa Barbara Plaza project
- \$600,000 to the University of San Diego for the development of the University of San Diego Science and Education Research Center to provide education and training of low income students
- \$100,000 to CALSTART in the Los Angeles International Airport for an electric vehicle rental demonstration
- \$750,000 to the City of Riverside to expand the Goeske Senior and Disabled Citizens Center
- \$100,000 to the City of Riverside for Phase II of Citrus Park
- \$150,000 to Riverside County for the School of the Arts at Riverside Community College
- \$1,000,000 to the City of San Diego for the San Diego Children's Convalescent Hospital
- \$1,000,000 to CALSTART for creation and relocation of business incubator activities associated with the cities of Pasadena and Camarillo
- \$500,000 to Cathedral City for infrastructure improvements to Interstate 10/Date Palm Drive
- \$500,000 to Fresno County for Wescare's Community Healthcare campus to provide low-income health care services
- \$1,500,000 to Sacramento County for the Urban League Workforce Development Center
- \$250,000 to Stockton for acquisition and rehabilitation of the Old Stockton Hotel
- \$350,000 to the City of Citrus Heights for transitional incorporation costs
- \$125,000 to Folsom for the Brownfields Redevelopment project at the City Landfill and Corporation Yard
- \$125,000 to Placer County for the regional wastewater treatment facility
- \$250,000 to Newhall for the Newhall Metrolink Station
- \$250,000 to Lancaster for the National Soccer Activity Center
- \$250,000 to Lancaster for Agricultural Association Fairground relocation
- \$250,000 to Ventura County for Rail Tunnel 26
- \$500,000 to San Bernardino for the Shack Attack programs
- \$1,000,000 to Redlands for redevelopment of the Fox Theater
- \$500,000 to Redlands for reconstruction of the Alabama Street Bridge
- \$1,000,000 to Highland for construction of a community center
- \$1,000,000 to the Loma Linda for improving Redlands Boulevard and California Streets
- \$300,000 to the Town of Apple Valley for site improvements at Cooper Home
- \$250,000 to San Bernardino County for a new park
- \$500,000 to the Redlands Boys and Girls Club for youth facility development
- \$500,000 to San Juan Capistrano for construction of a Boys and Girls Club
- \$250,000 to San Bernardino County for Running Springs Downtown Revitalization
- \$500,000 to Pacific Union College for the Napa Valley Resource Center welfare to technology job training program development
- \$500,000 to the Los Angeles Brotherhood Crusade for Business Development and Capital Fund
- \$700,000 to the City and County of San Francisco for Visitacion Valley neighborhood revitalization
- \$400,000 to ADVANCE of Whittier for community economic development activities
- \$400,000 to the City of San Diego Redevelopment Agency for City Heights Urban Village retail development
- \$350,000 to Salinas for farmworker housing and daycare facilities development
- \$200,000 to Los Angeles' Project Restore for redevelopment of the Civic Center neighborhood
- \$150,000 to the Southeast Rio Vista Family YMCA for a Huntington Park child care center
- \$50,000 to Los Angeles for former prison site redevelopment
- \$500,000 to the Black Women's Forum in Los Angeles for a multi-purpose center

- \$350,000 to Marin County for a cultural and community center
- \$50,000 to the City of Rialto for a teen center

Environmental Protection Agency

The conferees agreed to the following increases to the budget request:

- \$1,250,000 for continuation of the California Regional PM 10 and 2.5 air quality study
- \$1,900,000 for continued Salton Sea research at the University of Redlands
- \$1,300,000 for San Diego's Beach Area Low Flow Storm Diversion Program
- \$1,800,000 for American Water Works Association Research Foundation (AWWARF)

perchlorate research on behalf of the East Valley Water District

- \$4,000,000 to CE-CERT at the University of California, Riverside for atmospheric and test track research

- \$1,700,000 for the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District for River Toxic Pollution Control Project

- \$1,300,000 for Yucca Valley and Twenty-nine Palm water projects
- \$900,000 for continued operations of the California Urban Environmental Research and

Education Center (CUEREC) based at California State University Hayward

- \$200,000 to Ventura County for Calleguas Creek watershed management plan development
- \$500,000 for Morongo Valley Community Service District uranium contamination treatment
- \$3,000,000 for the Imperial Irrigation District New River restoration project
- \$8,500,000 to the Salton Sea Authority for planning, development, and permitting requirements
- \$650,000 to Stockton for water restoration activities
- \$650,000 for Santa Ana River watershed management

Special Needs Funds

- \$1,000,000 for the Olivenhain water infrastructure project
- \$870,000 for the Sacramento combined sewer overflow project
- \$1,305,000 for Geysers Recharge Project in Northern California
- \$12,500,000 for water, wastewater, and system development for Yucaipa Valley Water District,

Lower Owens River Project, City of Barstow, and San Timoteo Creek environmental restoration project

- \$2,133,000 for wastewater infrastructure improvements in San Diego
- \$500,000 for a groundwater replenishment system for Orange County
- \$1,000,000 for the Sonoma County Water Agency, Russian River Restoration project
- \$2,500,000 for the completion of the export pipeline replacement to protect Lake Tahoe

Space and NASA

- funds NASA at \$13.7 billion, or \$200 million above the Administration's budget request
- \$2.27 billion targeted for the International Space Station
- increase of \$2,000,000 for the Chabot Observatory and Science Center, Oakland

Academic Programs

- increase of \$3,500,000 for academic and infrastructure needs at the University of Redlands

Other Provisions

- directs EPA to consult with the Salton Sea Authority and the Secretary of the Interior before initiating any action related to the Salton Sea, and prohibits any work related to the allocation of water from the Colorado River

- \$3.7 billion for the National Science Foundation, an increase of \$242 million over FY 1998
- Federal Emergency Management Agency is funded at \$826.9 million

SEPARATE SUPPLEMENTAL MEASURES

Farmworkers

- \$7,000,000 for the migrant and seasonal farmworker program under the Job Training Partnership Act to provide support services for income lost because of crop failures related to weather-related problems

FEMA

- directs FEMA to review the damages at Santa Marta Hospital in East Los Angeles to determine eligibility for disaster assistance

Flood Clean-up

- waives the per-state, per-disaster cap for the State of California for projects resulting from flooding in January and March 1995

TAX PROVISIONS

- extends the R&D tax credit retroactively to July 1, 1998 and through June 30, 1999
- reauthorizes the three Trade Adjustment Assistance programs through June 30, 1999
- permanently extends income averaging over the prior three-year period for farmers for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2000
- allows production flexibility contract payments under the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 for taxable years ending after December 31, 1995.
- extends the Net Operating Loss (NOL) carryback period in taxable years beginning after December 31, 1997 to five years (instead of two) for a farming loss, regardless of whether it was incurred in a Presidentially declared disaster area. The carryforward period remains at 20 years.
- increases the cap on Private Activity Bonds from \$50 per resident of the State or \$150 million (if greater) to \$75 per resident or \$225 million in calendar year 2007, with the increase phased in starting at \$55 per resident (\$165 million) in 2003
- extends a 40% tax credit (up to a \$2,400 total credit) for employing certain targeted disadvantaged persons for 12 months, through June 30, 1999. Targeted persons include welfare recipients, high-risk youth, and recipients of food stamps or SSI benefits; also extends the Welfare-to-Work Tax Credit by two months, through June 30, 1999. California houses nearly one fourth of the nation's welfare recipients.

OTHER PROVISIONS

- increases number of H1-B skilled worker visas to 115,000 for FY99 and FY00, 107,500 for FY01, and reverting to 65,000 in FY02
- authorizes Bureau of Reclamation to conduct feasibility studies for reclamation of Salton Sea
- imposes a three-year moratorium on Internet access taxes and establishes a Commission to recommend the handling of taxing commerce on the Internet
- requires federal agencies to make forms available online and allow people to sign them using digital signatures, the electronic equivalent of written signatures